

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 9, 14, 15, 26, 60-64, 66, and 67 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 26 is amended. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance.

I. Telephonic Interview and Entry of Amendments

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Parkin during the telephonic interview held January 12, 2010, are appreciated. The reasons presented during the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview. In addition, Applicants thank the Examiner for his January 14 email indicating consideration and approval of the amendments to claim 26 and for his indication that he will enter these amendments.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments.

II. Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 7, 9, 14, 15, 60-64, 66, and 67 are allowed.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

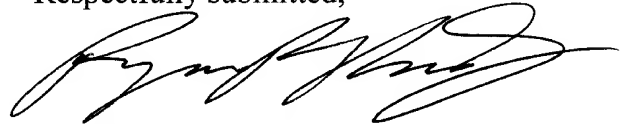
The Office Action rejects claim 26 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claim 26 is amended in light of the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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